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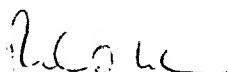
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SIG on East-West Relations

1. Under Secretary Stoessel convened a SIG on 12 March for further discussion of the proposed study on US policy in the East-West relationship. Present in addition to Stoessel were Burt, Wolfowitz, Barry, and Kelly from State, Gen. Pustay from JCS, Generals Bouverie and Granger from OSD, Adm. Nance and Dr. Pipes from NSC, and Admiral Inman and myself.

2. The meeting was entirely taken up with a general discussion of what the paper ought to contain. There was no apparent disagreement, although each participant approached the discussion from a different angle. Points that were generally accepted were: that the paper should be more programmatic in character than the original Terms of Reference had suggested; that it needed to define what US objectives were in the relationship to the Soviet Union; that it should identify the five to ten most important issues for discussion at the NSC level; that these should include inter alia whether the US should seek to bring about change in the Soviet Union, whether it should attempt to exploit Soviet vulnerabilities, whether it should emphasize unilateral or multilateral approaches, what strategic doctrine it should adopt and how it should treat arms control in this context, should it attempt to use trade, grain, etc. as a political weapon. It was also agreed that the paper should answer the question who are the Soviets and what are they up to, in other words, some intelligence assessment.

3. Mr. Stoessel concluded the meeting by directing Wolfowitz and Barry to produce a revised set of TORs preparatory to an IG meeting next week, to be chaired by Eagleburger, at which agencies would be tasked with their portion of the final study. He said he hoped that the project could be completed in a month and that this meant that the paper would have to be thorough but not overly long. He expected to reconvene the SIG to review conclusions and recommendations after the IG had completed its work.



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